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for a stable new global security framework". The statement made no reference to any National Missile Defence System.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Establishment of SAARC Parliament

1285. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:

SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to move seriously to establish a SAARC Parliament on the analogy of European Parliament; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) and (b) There is no proposal to establish a SAARC Parliament on the analogy of European Parliament under consideration of the SAARC at present.

Purchase of oil from Iraq

1286. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country is buying oil from Iraq at US \$ 7.0 per barrel against a global price of US \$ 27.00 per barrel as a part of a barter deal for wheat, while this is subject to UN approval.

(b) whether it is also a fact that three consignments of wheat sent to Iraq were rejected as this consignment did not conform to global standards; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and its present status?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) to (c) Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution has